REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: patrik2A148.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Stated

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: English

Applicant: Comptroller of Customs

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

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Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The Computer Image File Printout entitled *patrik2A148.jpg* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication exploits the nudity of young persons by presenting an image of a naked teenage youth in a pose for the viewer's close inspection. The image on its own does not meet the threshold of promoting and supporting the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. However, the overall effect is that of an image that is reasonably capable of being regarded as sexual in nature. The publication is in a medium that invites easy dissemination. It is highly likely that the young person's nudity is exploited with sexual intent in this context. Therefore the publication exploits the nudity of young persons in such a manner that its availability is likely to be injurious to the public good.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. This outcome is consistent, however, with Parliament's intention in the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 to limit the availability of publications that exploit the nudity of young persons.